Tuberculosis

The pathogen that causes this infectious disease is "Mycobacterium tuberculosis"



What is tuberculosis?



Tuberculosis is a disease caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium tuberculosis.



It was first found in Tilt Yam, a city now under the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of Israel.

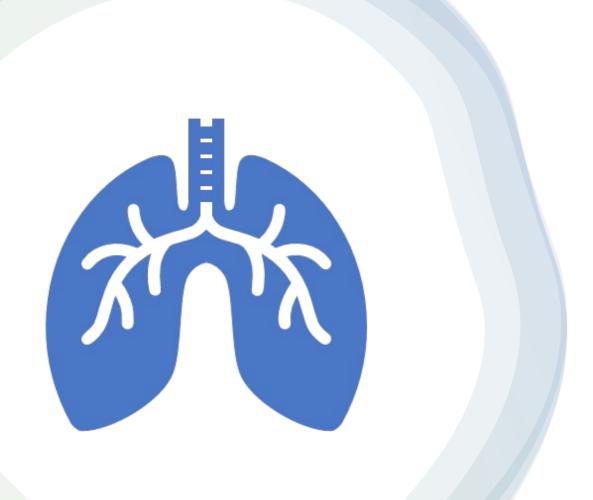


Archeologists found TB in the remains of a mother and child buried together.



What is "Mycobacterium tuberc ulosis"

 Mycobacterium tuberculosis causes bacteria that usually attack the lungs, but TB bacteria can attack any part of the body such as the kidney, spine, and brain.



How is it transmitted?

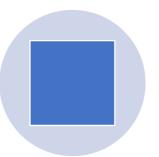
• They transmit through the air when someone who is sick with TB disease of the lungs or throat cough, or speaks.



Symptoms

- Persistent cough (which lasts for more than 2 weeks)
- Cough with blood in sputum
- Fever for more than 2 weeks
- Pain in chest
- Weight loss
- Night sweats
- Loss of appetite

Treatments

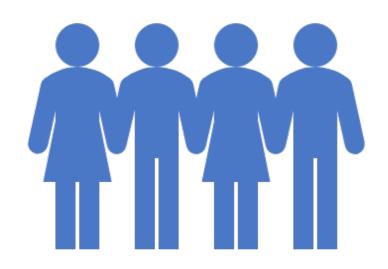


Bandaging can help healing, prevent infections, and protect skin from injury.



There is a vaccine available for tuberculosis (TB) called "Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG)"

Vaccines



Impact

- In 2021, an estimated 10.6 million people fell ill with tuberculosis (TB) in the whole world.
- A total of 1.6 million people died from TB in 2021.
- US\$ 13 billion is needed annually for TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.